

## State of South Carolina

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## Income Tax Bulletin: DOR Implements Program to Securely Process Tax Returns

The Department of Revenue (DOR) has implemented a security safeguard measure to help prevent fraud-related individual income tax filings.

Through the security program, income tax returns filed for tax year 2012 will be processed by means of a new security safeguard measure in order to insure no fraudulent activity. For tax returns that are questionable, DOR will mail the taxpayer a letter asking for additional information in order to complete the processing of the return. The letter will detail instructions for the taxpayer to either go online or to call DOR and answer three questions that are specific to the individual. Once the "ID Verification Quiz" has been successfully completed, the tax refund will be issued.

DOR has implemented the program in an effort to decrease the number of fraudulent tax returns and, subsequently, decrease the issuance of fraudulent tax refunds.

During this time, DOR advises against tax-related scams, particularly from individuals deceptively posing as state or federal officials.

Taxpayers are also reminded that, should they need to visit the Columbia office, DOR has relocated to 300A Outlet Pointe Boulevard.